

Further REASONS for *Inlarging the TRADE to Russia, Humbly offer'd by the Merchants and Planters Trading to, and Interested in the Plantations of Virginia and Maryland.*

I. **H**IS *Czarish Majesty* Himself, and the *Great Men* of his *Court* do already take *Tobacco*, and 'tis certain if the *Trade* were open, (that they might have it upon as easy Terms as our *People* in *England*), the *Czar* would grant a *Liberty* to *Import* it into his *Dominions*, where the *People* would be very forward for the *Consumption* of it, when besides their own strong *Natural Inclinations* to it, they should be *Influenced* by the Example of the *Court*.

II. If the *Trade* be restrained to so few hands as at present it is, 'tis not reasonable to expect that a *Liberty* will be granted by the *Czar* to *Import Tobacco* into his *Dominions*; because *He* will see that *His People* cannot be supplied but at such *Rates* as those *Merchants* please to set upon it, the *Monopoly* being in so few hands, and *He* will be the more induc'd to enlarge or restrain the *Trade* as *He* shall see the *President* set by the *Parliament of England*, who are better acquainted with *Trade*.

III. If such a *Liberty* of *Importation* should be granted without the *Enlargement* of the *Trade*, it would be of no advantage to any body, but those few *Merchants* of the *Company*, who would not regard so much the *Quantity* exported from *England*, as the *Profit* they could get by it to themselves, and might always have *Tobacco* lying by them there, and yet not over-trade (as they say) nor would the *Consumption* increase; As for Instance, If *Spice* were cheaper, more would be spent, but the *Dutch East-India Company* would not get more *Profit*.

IV. In a *Free Trade* to the *Czar's Dominions* by a moderate Computation, there might be consum'd yearly 20000 Hogsheads of *Tobacco*, the advantage of which to *England* would be as follows, viz. The first cost of the *Negroes*, to make it in the *Plantations*, will bring in One hundred and sixty thousand Pounds *Sterling*; those *Negroes* will consume yearly above Twenty thousand pounds *sterling* in *Goods* carry'd from *England*; It will imploy yearly 40 Sail of *Ships* (of Two hundred Tuns each) to the *Plantations*, and ten or twelve more to *Russia*, which *Ships* will imploy 1500 *Seamen*; the *Manufacturing* this *Tobacco* in *England* before it is *Exported* will Imploy about Ten thousand poor *People*, besides all the *Charge* of *Importing* and *Exporting*, which will Imploy many more; All which will be so much in *Price* to those that *Buy* it after the *Exportation*, and will add so much to the *Ballance* of the *Trade* of *England*.